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Th explosion occurred at 800 feet west of the mouth of the shaft and men working at an equal distance in the opposite direction felt the shock distinctly. The governor on the engine at the engine house was jarred and the water gauge which indicates the amount of air showed the force of the explosion to be almost equal to that in the Monongah mine disaster.

Inspector Louttit and his party made a thorough examination of the mine and on coming up from the workings yesterday afternoon the inspector made the following statement:

"In my opinion the explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas. The door in the west entry had been opened and buttoned back. This permitted a draft to pass through which probably caused the fire damp to let go. From the positions in which the bodies were found the pumper had evidently gone back to attend to his pumps while the other three men were on their way out.

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Record time was made by the pupils in the Jefferson building at Monessen Wednesday in a fine drill, the building being emptied in a minute and ten seconds. The High school firemen, a regularly organized company composed entirely of High school boys had the three hose connections and water going in a minute and a half.

A bit of commendable philanthropy comes to notice in the funeral expense account filed in connection with the death of Eli Chierighino, the young Italian murdered Saturday night by fellow countryman at Monessen. The dead man was practically penniless, and a brother, a witness of the murder, was the only relative in this country. Steve Gerry, reporter of the commissary and in charge of the Italian laborers at Monessen, came forward unsolicited and liberally offered to bear every expense in connection with the funeral. The total expenses were $171.50.

Special.

For Saturday and Monday a $15 fifty pound felt mattress for $7.50. Correll and Crowley, 333 McKean Ave. 221t1

HORSE AND RIDER VANISH IN AIR

Bentleyville, April 2—Tuesday morning, a young man apparently about 18 years of age and who is described as being six feet tall and of slender build, arrived in Bentleyville on the 7:15 train. He hired a horse from I. B. Richardson's livery barn saying he wished to ride to Zollarsville. He has not yet returned.

The horse was a blocky red bay with a white star in face and a white tip nose. He weighs about 950 pounds, and was five years old. The horse when he lies down at night lies stretched out as though he were dead and objects very much to being—curried. He had a black bridle and a small felt leather saddle.

The owner of the animal is conducting a still hunt and states that he will give a liberal reward to find some trace of the steed and its unknown rider.

To Lecture at Dunlevy.

Prof. J. B. Rittgers, of Monessen, who is one of the most humorous orators on the lecture platform in this section will deliver his most humorous lecture in the United Evangelical church at Dunlevy, on Tuesday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock. All are invited. No admission charged.

Increasing Arden Coal Output.

Washington, Pa., April 23.—A haulage system completed today at the Meadowlands Coal company's mines at Arden Station will, it is estimated, increase the daily output 3,000 tons. Two hundred additional men will be employed. The plant cost $40,000.

HIT POLICEMAN ON HEAD WITH GLASS INSULATOR

Thieves Knock Man Who Caught Them At Work, And Escape.

Caught in the very act of robbing a work car at theMonongahela freight yards, and desperate from the prospect of spending several months in jail, two men beat Policeman Henry Bergman of the Monongahela force, into insensibility with a large glass insulator, and escaped. Railroad detectives are now on their trail and hope to get the men.

The men were noticed at work by Bergman, while patroling his beat and knowing no railroad detectives were near, decided to capture them himself. Accordingly he crept near the shed where they were and darted upon them. He succeeded in capturing one, getting him under subjection.

While doing this, however, the other had crept up behind the policeman unnoticed and just as the nippers were being snapped on the captured man, struck Bergman a fearful blow on the head knocking him to the floor unconscious. They fled, but it is not known in what direction.

The policeman was found later and resuscitated. He was not badly hurt and will be allright in a few days.

Notice.

Proposals will be received by the Borough Clerk for disposing of garbage in the Borough of Charleroi. Contract and conditions can be seen in Clerks Office. All bids must be in on or before the 4th day of May 1908, Council reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Ira L. Nickeson,
Boro Clerk.

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TO MEET ON PICNIC FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

A meeting of all those interested in the annual children's picnic at Eldora park has been called for next Tuesday evening in the Merchant's Association rooms, at 8 o'clock. At this time the preliminary business will be transacted. It is likely that committees will be appointed at this meeting.

One Thousand Singing Canary Bird's given away as souvenirs of the big wild animal show at Monessen. 221t1

Monessen Has A Treat.

Lovers of animals should not fail to visit the Jungle show in the beautiful big store room on Donner avenue Monessen. The management carries two carloads of rare, wild and beautiful beasts, from all parts of the world, lions, bears, monkeys, leopards, baboons, alligators, wolves, coyotes, red and silver foxes, hyenas, beautiful plumaged birds, talking and singing birds. It has from king of forest to pet of household.

Parents should not fail to take the little ones and let them see the animals they study about at school. Every person entering the show receives a souvenir. One in every fifteen gets a beautiful singing canary bird free. Admission, 10 cents. 221t1

Go over and get a canary bird and see the animals at the animal show, Monessen. Admission 10 cents. 221t1

Different.

She—You spend too much money on things you don't really need and that you buy merely because they are cheap. That is false economy.

He—Here's a lady's watch I bought to-day for $10. I am sure it is well worth $20.

She—Oh, thank you, dearest. How splendidly clever you are at picking up bargains.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS PLEASANT SOCIAL

The Epworth league of the Methodist Episcopal church held a social at the home of W. S. James, on Lincoln avenue and Sixth street last night, which was largely attended.

The affair was in the shape of a railroad social, the feature being a round trip on the O.J.C. and B Q. railroad. At Union Station a ticket was purchased and a question asked with it, which had to be correctly answered before the person could proceed. In the course of their "ride" they had to stop at five different stations. The idea was to see how quick one could go the round.

The entire affair was unique, amusing and instructive, as a great many of the questions asked along the route were timely and thoughtfully arranged and caused all to put on their thinking caps in order to solve them.

The excursionists were treated to some fine vocal selections on the trip. Willie Kenyon was the ticket agent who gave the tourists their first send off but never gave any change back unless to a fair damsel who happened to be traveling alone. Competent aids had charge of the different stations along the route and did all to make the trip enjoyable.

The Mesdames Pollock, James and Kenyon had charge of the dining car on the return trip and catered to the wants of all in good order.

A committee of young ladies looked after the social feature of the trip. The initial trip on the new R. R. proved a success and other similar events are booked for during the coming summer as both the social and financial features were beyond expectations. The former predominated to such an extent that many new acquaintances were formed and old ones renewed.

The league is putting forth a great effort to advance the library and social department work and many good results are being acquired in the way of increasing the membership.

Notice.

Sealed bids for the exclusive privilege of selling all refreshments at the Charleroi Base Ball Park for the season of 1908 will be received until April 27th at 6:00 p. m.

Wm. H. Zellers, Jr.,
Sec'y and Treas.

221t1

MANY KILLED ON RAILROAD IN 1907

Some idea of the seriousness of the problem of dealing with trespassers on a railroad is to be gathered from the fact that the completed records now compiled show that 800 men were killed or died from injuries received while in the act of trespassing on the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad system during the year 1907.

These cases of trespass are not only a source of expense to the railroads, but it is felt that common humanity should prompt the most thorough measures to eliminate this evil and danger as rapidly as possible. If these men infest the company's tracks and yards in such numbers, they are certain to be killed or injured, no matter how careful the trainmen may be. Yet they have no business there as passengers or employe, which requires them to be in the way of the trains.

Better and much larger animal show than the circus which will visit the town will have. Go to Monessen and enjoy yourself. Get a souvenir. 221t1

Hypnotism.

The actual foundation of modern hypnotic suggestion was discovered by Liebault of Nancy, the famous "father of the therapeutic application of suggestion." After several years of practical experience, in 1866, Liebault wrote his first book on the subject. It was shelved and he was called a lunatic. Hypnotism remained a curiosity and Liebault's book was not reproduced till six years after Charcot, in 1878, began his study of hypnotism. In 1884 Bernheim wrote his work on suggestion, and this created a demand for Liebault's book, which then gave him his lasting reputation.—New York American.

A regular menagerie, large animal show at Monessen. At a cheap price one may see all kinds of animals such as found only in the largest menageries. 221t1

ROBBERIES IN CHARLEROI YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT

Daylight Burglary In Which Well Known Charleroi Boys Are Concerned---One Caught And Other Escaped, Going, It Is Thought, To Pittsburg.

A WATCH TAKEN FROM HILL RESIDENT

A bold daylight robbery was engineered by two well known Charleroi boys at noon yesterday when after sending J. W. Vance, the clerk at J. H. Bower's Hardware store to the basement for some linseed oil, opened a case and stole a fine revolver.

They took their departure immediately after securing the oil but had not gone two rods before the loss of the gun was discovered. A detective and another man were notified and asked to catch the boys but the young fellows became alarmed and fled toward the ball park and escaped. One was caught at nine o'clock last night. The other left on the 1:45 car from Charleroi, it is thought for Pittsburg, where the police are now looking for him. He is under $1,000 bond to appear at the Washington county May term of court, in connection with a former robbery.

A robbery occurred at the home of Andrew Hosnick, 317 Crest avenue last night, a valuable gold watch being taken.

Entrance was made through a side kitchen window, which had been left unlocked. The burglars searched downstairs apparently for money, but unable to find any, took a vest with the watch in one pocket. It is thought they were frightened away by a noise before having a chance to go upstairs.

In the home of J. H. Krepps, 819 McKean avenue, attempt was made by burglars to enter, but were frightened away before they could secure admittance. They left the knife which had been used in prying at the window. It is supposed the burglars attempted to force the windows of Mrs. George Arnold, next door to Krepps, but unable to secure entrance, decided to try something easier.

C. T. A. U. DANCE IS SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

The C. T. A. U. dance in the Bank of Charleroi Hall last night was well attended and the affair was one of the most successful events of the kind ever held by that order. Visitors were present from Monongahela, Donora and Monessen. Stewart's Orchestra furnished music.

Advertising to the destructive effects of the automobile on the macadamized roads the Allentown Chronicle and News says: "Owing to its mischievous capacity for tearing up the surface of macadam roads and distributing it in the form of dust on neighboring fields and dwellings, the automobile may in the end become a benefactor; since, in overcoming the conditions the motor car creates, a road surfacing materiel must be found that will do away with the dust altogether." Scientists are laboring for the discovery of some means to do this and no doubt they will finally succeed which will rid us of a long term annoyance, and minimize disease that are carried by the dust of the highway.

To teamsters and dog owners in the Borough of North Charleroi. Team and dog license for the year 1908 must be paid by May 1, 1908.

L. D. Cooper, Burgess. 22016

Lloyd.

Lawrence D. Lloyd, son of Charles Lloyd of 210 Prospect avenue died at 5 o'clock this morning of diphtheria. He was nine years, five month of age. Interment Saturday in Mt. Washington cemetry, Perryopolis.

Prudence.

"John," said the bride, as they were starting away, "haven't you forgotten something?"

"I don't think so, darling. What do you mean?"

"I didn't see you hand anything to the minister."

"Oh, that's all right. I'll pay him when we get back from our wedding trip. I'll know better then than I do now how much he ought to have."

MR. CLEVELAND IS CRITICALLY ILL

New York—2:00 p. m. (Special To Mail) Ex-President Grover Cleveland is thought to be on his death bed at Lakewood, N. J. It was reported this morning that Mr. Cleveland was dead but afterwards was proved untrue.

Speers.

Speers, Pa., April 24.—Miss Edith Dukestein, of this place is visiting relatives in Pttsburg.

A wrestling about took place in a field near the North Belle Vernon line yesterday between two athletes of the backwoods. There had been a long standing argument as to the skill of these two men, and yesterday it was decided to settle the matter at once. The first four falls left the combatants even, and although both were decidedly weary it was still a guess as to the final outcome. The youngest and smaller of the two, after a long and severe struggle landed the other on his back and was declared the winner.

James Wilson, of Homestead, is visiting friends here.

"Bob" Johnson visited friends at Smithton Wednesday.

A little boy of Pricedale attempted to board a moving coal train on the Speers Run branh of the P. and L. E. last evening, and was thrown heavily to the ground, striking his head and shoulders. He received a good shaking up, but was not seriously injured.

Charley McMahon of Arnold City is visiting friends and relatives in McKeesport this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly of East Pittsburg are spending a few days with relatives in Belle Vernon.

Somers No. 4 coal mine of the Pittsburg coal company resumed operations Thursday and Somers No. 2 commenced today.

Belle Vernon base ball team came over Wednesday and walloped the Speers team by a score of 4 to 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Lett, of Duquesne, have returned to their home after a week's visit with their daughter, Mrs. Samuel P. Corbett, of this place.

The Case of Jones.

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Jones at the age of twenty-eight was a mechanic and working every day at fair wages and happy to work. A year later he married. A year later still he lost his wife and babe as the former became a mother. Then he got into trouble with his union for working overtime, was expelled from the society, and during the next year it was a bitter fight with him against odds. The shops turned him down, his health became poor; there were more laborers than there were picks and shovels. He was carrying in a ton of coal now and then or carrying out a ton of ashes, when he got in the way of a street car. He wasn't killed. Indeed, he wasn't badly hurt, but a policeman took it as a bit of impudence on his part to interrupt traffic, and he was collared and sent up for thirty days. In one sense the imprisonment was a great relief to Jones. He got something to eat and got it regularly. When night came he got a fairly comfortable bed. In another sense he felt degraded. His keepers and most of the other prisoners would have laughed at the idea, but it was nevertheless true. He had made a good fight for it and had been downed through no fault of his own, and he had done nothing to deserve imprisonment. It humiliated and imbittered him, and when his sentence had been served he had lost his self respect and had a feeling that the world was against him.

From that day Jones became a hobo. He tramped without any particular aim except wanting to get somewhere. When he went among the farmers the usual thing was to set the dog on him as soon as he entered the gate or climbed the fence. If there was no dog, then the farmer came forward to give the hobo the boot. For every one farmer who fed and lodged him fifteen turned him away. The latter thought it necessary to call him names and threaten him and make him feel his position. The former demanded that he pay five times the value of the food in work, and when he got ready to move along they insisted on searching him to make sure that he wasn't carrying off a plow or the contents of the granary. Now and then, at long intervals, Jones met a human being, man or woman. They talked to him as one human being talks to another, and for an hour after he would feel himself again a man. Then along would come a country constable to run him in on suspicion of having stolen a wagon load of wheat or potatoes and abuse him because the proofs were lacking.

For five years Jones wandered over the face of the earth. In that time he met more people and saw more of human nature than the ordinary man would see in living two lifetimes. In particular he saw the littleness of his fellow men. He discovered that for every broad minded man there were a thousand with pinched and contracted souls. He heard gossip and scandal and lying. He saw the injustice of man to man. He saw so little that was good and so much to condemn that, hobo as he was, he became disgusted and no longer wondered why hogs crowded each other at the trough.

One day he picked up an old newspaper on the highway and sat down and read, among other things, that a certain philanthropic old lady had founded and endowed a home for the ailing and indigent. Jones had known for a year past that he was a victim of consumption and that his tramping days were drawing to a close. Sometimes as he lay under a tree and thought of it he reasoned that the roadside ditch was good enough for a tramp to die in. Again, there would come a longing to have human beings about him when the end came, to die under a roof, to die in his bed, even to have to talk with a minister before the lamp flickered out.

A month later Jones was asking for admission to the home. He was then a human wreck, and his days were numbered. Yes, they took him in, but the attendant in his ward gave him warning that if he made any trouble he'd get the bounce. The same attendant asked him in the frankest manner why he didn't die somewhere in a snowdrift instead of coming among his betters. The doctor didn't look him over. He said there was no need of that. Any one with ears on had only to listen to that racking cough. His excellency the doctor further remarked that there was no need of wasting good chicken broth and port wine on that case and that he supposed there was a coffin in the basement to fit. The nurses in that ward had a great deal of gossiping and very little nursing to do. At first Jones wanted this and that and even dared to call out at night and awaken the sleeping nurse, but after a few days, after he had been talked to a few times, he learned better. One day when he asked for the minister he was laughed at. They did finally bring him a Testament, but by that time his eyes were too weak to read the fine print. He realized that the end was near, but was clinging to life as even a hobo will when he heard the nurse complaining of his base ingratitude. She argued that he ought to have died a week before and that his hanging on the way he did showed a selfish obstinacy.

Jones figured it out that the nurse couldn't very well poison him off or choke him to death without attracting suspicion, and that night as she slept, after warning him not to call out, he gave up the fight, and his soul passed on to its Maker. Exit workman, husband, wife, child—Jones. And the world rolled on as if they had never been.

M. QUAD.

PERSONAL MENTION

R. H. Rush transacted business in Uniontown yesterday.

C. H. Harper is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ross are spending the day in Pittsburg.

J. D. Anderson, of Wilkinsburg, was a Charleroi visitor yesterday.

M. Shirpan of Brownsville, was calling on friends in Charleroi yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pieper of Crest avenue are visiting in Pittsburg today.

Miss Edith Longdon of Du Bois is the guest of Miss Nora Anderson, of Crest avenue.

Miss Sadie Riffle, of Adah, is a guest of Mrs. Evan Kelly, of McKean avenue.

Paul B. Daubaugh of Buffalo, N. Y., was in Charleroi yesterday calling on friends.

A. Alestein of Syracuse, N. Y., is a guest of his cousin, Abe Levinston, of Charleroi.

E. B. Enoch of Washington, was in Charleroi yesterday calling on friends and transacting business.

Miss Nora Hahn of Tars is spending a few days in Charleroi, the guest of Miss Ida Carroll.

Mrs. C. L. Corcell, of Harrisburg left today for her home after a several days visit in Charleroi.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Micksch of Crest avenue are visiting friends in Monaca for a couple of days.

Mrs. Neri Newcomb leaves this evening for New Haven, Conn., where she will spend a few weeks with friends and relatives.

A Dark View of Life.

"However meager our knowledge of the life to come, this one we understand, this we know—better perhaps than we wish we did. I remember to have heard Dr. Holmes say: 'Outside I laugh. Inside I never laugh. The world is too sad. How can the Creator bear the hum of its misery forever in his ears? Oh, the poor women!' he added, with tears starting down his cheeks.

"When all is said, this is our own case. Outside we laugh. Inside we cannot laugh. The world at its best is too sad, and at its worst it is too 'bad and mad' for any but a superficial mind to take a comforting view of it. It was by way of this admitted fact that Longfellow once said, 'No truly sensitive person can ever be perfectly well.' In a state of being like this that is probably true."—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps in Harper's Bazar.

A Well in a Churchyard.

Hadstock, in Essex, possesses what is probably a unique water supply. It is entirely derived from a deep well in the parish churchyard. The well is over 800 years old and is known as St. Botolph's well. The inhabitants of Hadstock declare that it contains the best drinking water in Great Britain, and, as the village in question is one of the healthiest places in Essex, there is undoubtedly some truth in their boast.—London Strand Magazine.

Feb. 29 Births.

Very few distinguished men have been born on Feb. 29 of leap year. Among them are Edward Cave of the Gentleman's Magazine, who was born in 1692, and Rossini on the same day a hundred years later. Archbishop Whitgift in 1604 and John, the brother of Sir Edwin Landseer, himself an artist, both died on this day.

THE CHARLEROI MAIL WANT COLUMN

ONE CENT PER WORD each insertion if PAID IN ADVANCE. No ad. taken for less than 25 cents. This rate includes Lost, For Rent, For Sale, Found, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED—Twelve girls for general housework for Charleroi, Monessen and Monongahela. Apply Charleroi Employment Bureau, Room 3, Mail Building. 220tf

LOST—A fine case of catarrh by using Hyomei bought at Piper Brothers drug store. It gave relief in five minutes. Former sufferers. 218-t2-T-T

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Apply 309 Lincoln avenue. 216tf

FOR SALE—Four Ligonier Buggies with steel and rubber tires; also one hydraulic cider mill, capacity 60 barrels a day. Inquire S. T. Chester, or Harper Bros., Charleroi, Pa. 215tf

WANTED—Everybody to know that the Mail takes orders for high class engraving of calling cards and invitations. 143tf

CARDS—Call and see our samples of stylish calling cards. Printed or engraved. Charleroi Mail. 134 tf

HERE AND THERE

Fifty three licenses to sell liquor were granted by Judges Frazier and Shafer to dealers at Homestead.

A vicious dog bit two children at the Homestead school Tuesday.

Miss Clara L. Cerder of Uniontown has sued Clark W. Goodwin of the same place for breach of promise.

The Shenango steel plant resumed work in all departments today.

The ladies of New Castle are urging a city clean-up. A good thing push it along.

W. T. Whitlege will erect a new brick building in Donora.

Miss Lucy Maloy, of Monongahela City, was married yesterday morning to William Schultz of Cleveland, O.

Arthur Rocco, of Monessen, died in Monongahela City, Tuedsay, of typhoid fever.

George Maston, of Monongahela City, was jailed for carrying a gun. Let the good work go on.

Strong efforts are being put forth to have Daniel A. Pearsall, the Brownsville Coal operator brought back from New York.

Frederick Hahn, a prominent ironworker of McKeesport, dropped dead Tuesday night.

The employes of Kelly and Jones were given a banquet at Greensburg, Tuesday.

Two miners were caught in a fall of roof in a clay mine near Greensburg. Both were killed.

John Troup a miner of West Newton earned $91 during two weeks. He mined over 100 tons of coal.

John K. Tener received 28 votes on the Democratic ticket at the primaries two weeks ago.

The Rich Hill Coal company will start up its mines which are among the largest in Washington county.

Six foreigners were fined at Canonsburg for fighting, on Tuesday.

The W. C. T. U., of Canonsburg has recently doubled its membership.

Willam Reed, of Washington, was arrested Tuesday after evading the officers two years.

There will be twenty-five less saloons in Allegheny county after May 1.

Chicken thieves are active in Washington.

There are over $63.000 in uncollected taxes in Washington county.

For the fifth time Louis Koren, of Daisytown, has been jailed for beating his wife.

The body of pretty Elsie Stang, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Stang Mahoningtown who disappeared from her home Thursday evening was found in the muddy waters of the Mahoning river yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Harry Stubbs and George Baumbaugh.

At the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary society of Washington presbytery Mrs. W. R. Thompson was elected president; Mrs. L. A. Morgan, recording secretary, and Mrs. Edwin Linton, corresponding secretary. Twenty-three vice presidents were chosen, representing various parts of the county.

James B. F. Rinehart, former cashier and vice president of the Farmers and Drovers National Bank at Waynesburg, will not be tried at the coming term of the United States District Court on the charge of violating the United States banking laws. A continuance of the case until the November term will be asked by United Sates District Attorney John W. Dunkle when the May term is opened.

Many residents of Monessen have been buncoed, within the last few weeks by a man who has been doing an immense mail order business from Morgantown, W. Va. Advertisements were inserted in local papers by the man who said he was acting as agent for big Eastern manufacturing houses. According to the advertisements the "agent" has silk remnants of 10 yards each which he would sell for $2 each. The victims who fell for the proposition paid in the $2 and received 10 yards of silk thread. The local police and the postal authorities are looking for the "agent".

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This afternoon the teachers of the Charleroi schools will go to Monessen to visit the schools at that place, today being the annual visiting day. The children have prepared excellent exhibits of their work which will be shown.

The Jefferson building will be open this evening where teachers will be in charge. The High school orchestra will furnish music.

Record time was made by the pupils in the Jefferson building at Monessen Wednesday in a fine drill, the building being emptied in a minute and ten seconds. The High school firemen, a regularly organized company composed entirely of High school boys had the three hose connections and water going in a minute and a half.

A bit of commendable philanthropy comes to notice in the funeral expense account filed in connection with the death of Eli Chierighetto, the young Italian murdered Saturday night by fellow countryman at Monessen. The dead man was practically friendless, and a brother, a witness of the murder, was the only relative in this country. Steve Gerry, proprietor of the commissary and in charge of the Italian laborers at Monessen, came forward unsolicited and liberally offered to bear every expense in connection with the funeral. The total expenses were $171.50.

Special.

For Saturday and Monday a $15 fifty pound felt mattress for $7.50. Cortrell and Crowley, 333 McKean Ave. 221t1

HORSE AND RIDER VANISH IN AIR

Bentleyville, April 2—Tuesday morning, a young man apparently about 18 years of age and who is described as being six feet tall and of slender build, arrived in Bentleyville on the 7:15 train. He hired a horse from I. B. Richardson's livery barn saying he wished to ride to Zollarsville. He has not yet returned.

The horse was a blocky red bay with a white star in face and a white tip nose. He weighs about 950 pounds, and was five years old. The horse when he lies down at night lies stretched out as though he were dead and objects very much to being curried. He had a black bridle and a small fair leather saddle.

The owner of the animal is conducting a still hunt and states that he will give a liberal reward to find some trace of the steed and its unknown rider.

To Lecture at Dunlevy.

Rev. J. B. Rittgers, of Monessen, who is one of the most humorous orators on the lecture platform in this section will deliver his most humorous temperance lecture in the United Brethren church at Dunlevy, on Tuesday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock. All are invited. No admission charged.

Increasing Arden Coal Output.

Washington, Pa., April 23.—A haulage system completed today at the Meadowlands Coal company's mines at Arden Station will, it is estimated, increase the daily output 3,000 tons. Two hundred additional men will be employed. The plant cost $40,000.

HIT POLICEMAN ON HEAD WITH GLASS INSULATOR

Thieves Knock Man Who Caught Them At Work, And Escape.

Caught in the very act of robbing a work car at the Monongahela freight yards, and desperate from the prospect of spending several months in jail, two men beat Policeman Henry Bergman of the Monongahela force, into insensibility with a large glass insulator, and escaped. Railroad detectives are now on their trail and hope to get the men.

The men were noticed at work by Bergman, while patroling his beat and knowing no railroad detectives were near, decided to capture them himself. Accordingly he crept near the shed where they were and darted upon them. He succeeded in capturing one, getting him under subjection.

While doing this, however, the other had crept up behind the policeman unnoticed and just as the nippers were being snapped on the captured man, struck Bergman a fearful blow on the head knocking him to the floor unconscious. They fled, but it is not known in what direction.

The policeman was found later and resuscitated. He was not badly hurt and will be alltight in a few days.

Notice.

Proposals will be received by the Borough Clerk for disposing of garbage in the Borough of Charleroi. Contract and conditions can be seen in Clerks Office. All bids must be in on or before the 4th day of May 1908, Council reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Ira L. Nickeson,
Boro Clerk.

Charleroi, Pa., April 21, 1908. 218t4

Special.

For Saturday and Monday, a $15 fifty pound felt mattress for $12.00. Cortell and Crowley. 333 McKean Ave. 221t1

TO MEET ON PICNIC FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

A meeting of all those interested in the annual children's picnic at Eldora park has been called for next Tuesday evening in the Merchant's Association rooms, at 8 o'clock. At this time the preliminary business will be transacted. It is likely that committees will be appointed at this meeting.

One Thousand Singing Canary Birds given away as souvenirs of the big wild animal show at Monessen. 221t1

Monessen Has A Treat!

Lovers of animals should not fail to visit the Jungle show in the beautiful big store room on Donner avenue Monessen. The management carries two carloads of rare, wild and beautiful beasts, from all parts of the world, lions, bears, monkeys, leopards, baboons, alligators, wolves, coyotes, red and silver foxes, hyenas, beautiful plumaged birds, talking and singing birds. It has from king of forest to pet of houshold.

Parents should not fail to take the little ones and let them see the animals they study about at school. Every person entering the show receives a souvenir. One in every fifteen gets a beautiful singing canary bird free. Admission, 10 cents. 221t1

Go over and get a canary bird and see the animals at the animal show, Monessen. Admission 10 cents. 221t1

Different.

She—You spend too much money on things you don't really need and that you buy merely because they are cheap. That is false economy.

He—Here's a lady's watch I bought to-day for $10. I am sure it is well worth $20.

She—Oh, thank you, dearest. How splendidly clever you are at picking up bargains.

Don't fail to visit the big wild animal show at Monessen. There only a short time. 221t1

EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS PLEASANT SOCIAL

The Epworth league of the Methodist Episcopal church held a social at the home of W. S. James, on Lincoln avenue and Sixth street last night, which was largely attended.

The affair was in the shape of a railroad social, the feature being a round trip on the O. J. C. and B. Q. railroad. At Union Station a ticket was purchased and a question asked with it, which had to be correctly answered before the person could proceed. In the course of their "ride" they had to stop at five different stations. The idea was to see how quick one could go the round.

The entire affair was unique, amusing and instructive, as a great many of the questions asked along the route were timely and thoughtfully arranged and caused all to put on their thinking caps in order to solve them.

The excursionists were treated to some fine vocal selections on the trip. Willie Kenyon was the ticket agent who gave the tourists their first send off but never gave any change back unless to a fair damsel who happened to be traveling alone. Competent aids had charge of the different stations along the route and did all to make the trip enjoyable.

The Mesdames Pollock, James and Kenyon had charge of the dining car on the return trip and catered to the wants of all in good order.

A committee of young ladies looked after the social feature of the trip. The initial trip on the new R. R. proved a success and other similar events are booked for during the coming summer as both the social and financial features were beyond expectations. The former predominated to such an extent that many new acquaintances were formed and old ones renewed.

The league is putting forth a great effort to advance the library and social department work and many good results are being acquired in the way of increasing the membership.

Notice.

Sealed bids for the exclusive privilege of selling all refreshments at the Charleroi Base Ball Park for the season of 1908 will be received until April 27th at 6:00 p. m.

Wm. H. Zellers, Jr.,
Sec'y and Treas.

221t1

MANY KILLED ON RAILROAD IN 1907

Some idea of the seriousness of the problem of dealing with trespassers on a railroad is to be gathered from the fact that the completed records now compiled show that 809 men were killed or died from injuries received while in the act of trespassing on the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad system during the year 1907.

These cases of trespass are not only a source of expense to the railroads, but it is felt that common humanity should prompt the most thorough measures to eliminate this evil and danger as rapidly as possible. If these men infest the company's tracks and yards in such numbers, they are certain to be killed or injured, no matter how careful the trainmen may be. Yet they have no business there as passengers or employe, which requires them to be in the way of the trains.

Better and much larger animal show than the circus which will visit the town will have. Go to Monessen and enjoy yourself. Get a souvenir. 221t1

Hypnotism.

The actual foundation of modern hypnotic suggestion was discovered by Liebault of Nancy, the famous "father of the therapeutic application of suggestion." After several years of practical experience, in 1866, Liebault wrote his first book on the subject. It was shelved and he was called a lunatic. Hypnotism remained a curiosity and Liebault's book was not reproduced till six years after Charcot, in 1878, began his study of hypnotism. In 1884 Bernheim wrote his work on suggestion, and this created a demand for Liebault's book, which then gave him his lasting reputation.—New York American.

A regular menagerie, large animal show at Monessen. At a cheap price one may see all kinds of animals such as found only in the largest menageries. 221t1

ROBBERIES IN CHARLEROI YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT

Daylight Burglary In Which Well Known Charleroi Boys Are Concerned---One Caught And Other Escaped, Going, It Is Thought, To Pittsburg.

A WATCH TAKEN FROM HILL RESIDENT

A bold daylight robbery was engineered by two well known Charleroi boys at noon yesterday when after sending J. W. Vance, the clerk at J. H. Bower's Hardware store to the basement for some linseed oil, opened a case and stole a fine revolver.

They took their departure immediately after securing the oil but had not gone two rods before the loss of the gun was discovered. A detective and another man were notified and asked to catch the boys but the young fellows became alarmed and fled toward the ball park and escaped. One was caught at nine o'clock last night. The other left on the 1:45 car from Charleroi, it is thought for Pittsburg, where the police are now looking for him. He is under $1,000 bond to appear at the Washington county May term of court, in connection with a former robbery.

A robbery occurred at the home of Andrew Hosnick, 317 Crest avenue last night, a valuable gold watch being taken.

Entrance was made through a side kitchen window, which had been left unlocked. The burglars searched downstairs apparently for money, but unable to find any, took a vest with the watch in one pocket. It is thought they were frightened away by a noise before having a chance to go upstairs.

In the home of J. H. Kreppe, 819 M'Kean avenue, attempt was made by burglars to enter, but were frightened away before they could secure admittance. They left the knife which had been used in prying at the window. It is supposed the burglars attempted to force the windows of Mrs. George Arnold, next door to Krepps, but unable to secure entrance, decided to try something easier.

C. T. A. U. DANCE IS SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

The C. T. A. U. dance in the Bank of Charleroi Hall last night was well attended and the affair was one of the most successful events of the kind ever held by that order. Visitors were present from Monongahela, Donora and Monessen. Stewart's Orchestra furnished music.

Advertising to the destructive effects of the automobile on the macadamized roads the Allentown Chronicle and News says: "Owing to its mischievous capacity for tearing up the surface of macadam roads and distributing it in the form of dust on neighboring fields and dwellings, the automobile may in the end become a benefactor; since, in overcoming the conditions the motor car creates, a road surfacing material must be found that will do away with the dust altogether." Scientisits are laboring for the discovery of some means to do this and no doubt they will finally succeed which will rid us of a long born annoyance, and minimize disease that are carried by the dust of the highway.

To teamsters and dog owners in the Borough of North Charleroi. Team and dog license for the year 1908 must be paid by May 1, 1908.

L. D. Cooper, Burgess. 22016

Lloyd.

Lawrence D. Lloyd, son of Charles Lloyd of 210 Prospect avenue died at 5 o'clock this morning of diphtheria. He was nine years, five month of age. Interment Saturday in Mt. Washington cemetry, Perryopolis.

Prudence.

"John," said the bride, as they were starting away, "haven't you forgotten something?"

"I don't think so, darling. What do you mean?"

"I didn't see you hand anything to the minister."

"Oh, that's all right. I'll pay him when we get back from our wedding trip. I'll know better then than I do now how much he ought to have."

MR. CLEVELAND IS CRITICALLY ILL

New York—2:00 p. m. (Special To Mail) Ex-President Grover Cleveland is thought to be on his death bed at Lakewood, N. J. It was reported this morning that Mr. Cleveland was dead but afterwards was proved untrue.

Speers.

Speers, Pa., April 24—Miss Edith Dukestein, of this place is visiting relatives in Pittsburg.

A wrestling about took place in a field near the North Belle Vernon line yesterday between two athletes of the backwoods. There had been a long standing argument as to the skill of these two men, and yesterday it was decided to settle the matter at once. The first four falls left the combatants even, and although both were decidedly weary it was still a guess as to the final outcome. The youngest and smaller of the two, after a long and severe struggle landed the other on his back and was declared the winner.

James Wilson, of Homestead, is visiting friends here.

"Bob" Johnson visited friends at Smithton Wednesday.

A little boy of Pricedale attempted to board a moving coal train on the Speers Run branh of the P. and L. E. last evening, and was thrown heavily to the ground, striking his head and shoulders. He received a good shaking up, but was not seriously injured.

Charley McMahon of Arnold City is visiting friends and relatives in McKeesport this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly of East Pittsburg are spending a few days with relatives in Belle Vernon.

Somers No. 4 coal mine of the Pittsburg coal company resumed operations Thursday and Somers No. 2 commenced today.

Belle Vernon base ball team came over Wednesday and walloped the Speers team by a score of 4 to 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Lott, of Duquesne, have returned to their home after a week's visit with their daughter, Mrs. Samuel P. Corbett, of this place.

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April 24 In History.

Defoe.

1547—Victory of Charles V. over the Protestants at Muhlberg and end of the war of the Smalcald league.

1731—Daniel Foe, or Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe" and other works, died; born 1661.

1764—Thomas Addis Emmet, Irish patriot, born; died 1827.

1898—President McKinley called for 125,000 volunteers to interfere in Cuba.

1905—Otto Wilhelm Struve, Russian astronomer, died; born 1819.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:
Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.

Sun sets 6:44, rises 5:02; moon rises 2:39 a. m.; 10:30 p. m., two of Jupiter's four bright satellites missing; 12 midnight, Jupiter at quadrature with the sun, being 90 degrees east of that body; 7:12 a. m., moon at perigee, nearest approach to earth.

Mere Slanders.

"If all is true that is charged concerning the use of boodle and booze in the recent primaries in Washington county, it may be necessary in the future, in the interest of accuracy when one speaks of the Whiskey Insurrection there, to designate which one—that of 1794 or of 1908."—Elizabeth Herald.

The Herald should pay no attention to these slanders for they are nothing but low slander and the ebullitions of insanity of disgruntled editors, who attempt to seek solace in defeat and conceal their chagrin by a wholesale villification of the electorate of this county.

That is all there is to it, but it seems that the people of this county must bear with these malicious and mendacious slanders for daring to vote against the wishes of some editors.

There is a proverb concerning the bird that befouls its own nest that aptly applies to these writers. In the meantime how do the people of this county relish the characterization of boozers and boodlers which those editors so lavishly bestow upon them? Highly flattering, is it not?

Mine Accidents.

The accident at Ellsworth mine yesterday morning was one of those unforeseen tragedies incident to coal mining that neither laws nor warnings will avert.

It is said that the disaster came through some one unknown unlocking his lamp to light his pipe. The mine was known to be gaseous and orders given that care be taken, but if the reports are true those orders were disregarded.

That the horrors of the Darr mine were not repeated is due to the fact that but few men were near at hand. A few hours later and a holocaust, similar to those that have recently shocked the nation would have taken place. There must have been a strong current of air or else the explosion would have spread to other parts of the mine.

The Mail's advice the other day for the miners to be cautious when returning to work after the suspension is emphazied by this Ellsworth affair. Loose rock becomes looser and gas accumulates in spite of the fan working continuously and extra care is needed. And it is well to remember that safety lamps are not absolutely a protection from explosions as their functions are to warn the miner of the presence of firedamp.

After all is said and done a miner's safety greatly depends upon himself. That fact must not be lost sight of when discussing mine explosions. Given a gaseous mine and a reckless or careless miner and you have all of the element necessary for a disaster

Reclaim the Rivers.

In a communcation found elsewhere "Engineer" compactly states the reason for the reservoir system agitation and points out what must be apparent to all, that the encroachments by private parties and corporations have so narrowed the width of the rivers that an over-flow must necessarily follow any heavy rain.

This encroachment is a matter for the government. These rivers are navigable streams and as such come under government supervision. The government compelled several bridge companies at Pittsburg to raise their structures higher so as to not interfere with navigation. It could as easily compel parties who have encroached upon the streams to remove those encroachments. The data is easily secured and by restoring the rivers to their old width and dredging the beds the danger of flood would be minimized.

An order from the Secretary of war is all that is needed to reclaim the rivers and an effort should be made to secure such an order.

Those who have mis-used their riparian rights would, of course, raise a large protest, but the damage arising from these encroachments when shown would effectually silence them.

Reclaim the rivers.

Prosperity Returning.

There were three items in yesterday's paper that have deep significance. They show peradventure that prosperity is returning at a rapid rate.

The first of these was the signing of contracts for the construction of over one hundred and fifty miles of electric railroad in this and adjoining counties. The second was the resumption in all departments of the big steel works on the South-side of Pittsburg. Last, but by not means least, was the flotation of $40,000,000 of bonds by the Pennsylvania railroad to be used in extensions and improvements.

That such a large loan could be negotiated proves peradventure that the financial situation is becoming normal once more and that a genuine business revival is near at hand. The effect of these things upon other branches of industry will be felt immediately and give a stronger tone to business generally.

State Brevities.

The Tamaqua nantional bank has awarded a contract for a $30,000 bank building.

Seven of the nineteen mines in the Butler-Mercer district have resumed operations, giving employment to more than 600 men.

The shade tree commission of Wickboro Armstrong county, has decided that all poplar trees in the borough streets must be cut down.

Among the Exchanges

Referring to the many mining accidents throughout the state, and the various evasions of existing laws, the Wilkes-Barre Record in an article on "Mine Reforms," concludes it by saying that "it seems that the time is at hand when the whole range of regulation should be gone over by a competent commission, burdened with the duty of redrafting the statutes in the light of modern mining conditions. There are some points where the laws are weak. Some laws should be discarded and others enacted. It is stated that a large proportion of the accidents is preventable. If that is so, either the law is at fault or those whose duty it is to see that the law is enforced are at fault. It is time that the whole subject were gone over."

A timely suggestion for the proper observance of Memorial Day is made by the Chester Morning Republican in these words: "People who have flower gardens or who are in a position to secure blooms from their neighbors and friends, should bear in mind that Memorial Day occurs on May 30. Of course the day is nearly six weeks off, but that is no reason why those interested—and that ought to include everybody—should neglect to lay their plans to secure flowers to be donated to the members of the Grand Army Posts to be used to decorate to the graves of the Civil war veterans."

Commenting on a new method of dealing with intoxicated men picked up by the police in Harrisburg, which the new mayor has adopted, the York Dispatch says. "Next thing that will reach the public ears is the story of some indignant housewife throwing scalding water on the Harrisburg policeman who brings home her intoxicated husband. When the mayor of that city issued orders to be merciful to intoxicated men, directing that the policemen tote them home instead of locking them up, he forgot possibly, that nine out of ten women blame and berate the kind friend who helps home her drunken husband

The Armenians.

The history of Armenia is not cheerful reading. With the exception of occasional brief periods, the Armenians have been almost continually under some foreign rule Assyrians, Babylonians, Medes, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Parthians, Saracens, Monzols and Turks have each in turn dominated the country, and of all these successive foreign yokes the present one, that of the Turks, has been the longest and the heaviest. The highest activities of the Armenian people today are not to be found in Armenia proper, but rather in the marts of prominent cities the world over. This is especially noticeable in Constantinople, Smyrna and other cities of the Levant, where the marked aptitude of the Armenian in business enables him practically to dominate the commercial situation One example is the oriental rug trade, which is practically controlled by Armenians not only in the east itself, but also in many western countries.—Argonaut.

Rival Organizations.

The man who had been keeping his seat in a Lexington avenue car, the seats of which were well occupied by women, spoke at last to the woman hanging on to a strap and who had been eying him intently for some time.

"I know I ought to get up and let you have my seat, madam," he said, "but I'm pledged against that sort of thing. I have just joined the 'Sit Still club,' an organization we have formed in Harlem, and if I should violate the solemn obligation I took when I became a member of that body I should be expelled and held up to the execration of all other members."

"That is all right, sir," replied the woman "You mustn't mind my looking at you so hard I am a member of the 'Stand and Stare club.'"

After which she continued to stand and stare at him in such a fierce manner that he finally got up, waved her into his seat and said, "I guess I'll resign from my club and join yours right now, madam."—New York Press

Nothing Substantial.

"Mr. Roxley had nothing but praise for your work for him before the congressional committee," said the friend.

"Yes," replied the lobbyist gloomily, "nothing but praise." — Philadelphia Press.

Quite the Reverse.

Osmond—Well, you've never seen me run after people who have money. Desmond—No, but I've seen people run after you because you didn't have money.

CHARTER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Monday, May 4, 1908, by E. N. Coddington, H. E. Pitcher and James R. Craft under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called E. N. CODDINGTON COMPANY, the character and object of which is to manufacture and deal in candy, confectioneries, cigars, tobacco and all articles usually dealt in by wholesale and retail candy dealers, and for these purposes to have, posess, and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto

DAVID M. McCLOSKEY, Solicitor.

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WANTS NO RESERVOIRS.

Charleroi, April 22, 1908.

Editor Mail:—Your editorial in the Mail of April 20th, on the inadvisabilty of building flood storage reservoirs, was timely anc to the point.

Are you aware that a syndicate is forming with headquarters at Washington, D. C., to induce the government to enter into the scheme of building flood reservoirs?

A commission has already been appointed to shape the matter, and engaged a literary bureau to scatter broadcast literature pointing out the advantages of the enterprise.

The object of all this is obvious, to spend money for dredging, and excavating machinery, cars, iron, cement, timber, and the hundred and one other expenses contingent to a work of such magnitude.

The people in their desperation are ripe to grasp this reservoir straw and should be warned and educated to let the straw float by and grasp the log of common sense and think the problem over.

These same grasping monopolies by the grabbing of the river bottoms unlawfully, in many instances, caused the disastrous floods and now desire to bleed the people and waste their money on a chimera.

Our rains are frequent and heavy, and even were the reservoirs successful in holding back part of the rainfall, there would be times when with the reservoirs already full there would come 2 or 3 rain and the chances are some of the many reservoirs would be swept away, making a more disastrous flood then ever before. The South Park reservoirs is an instance of this. We are not having any heavier rises in the upper rivers than usual as the records show.

The disastrous effects in the neighborhood of Pittsburg and below and the reason to my is simple, the narrowing of the river by the steady reclaiming of land by the manufacturing plants and the gradual filling up of the river bed,

Were the lower Monongahela and upper Ohio rivers back in their normal banks say even as they were twenty years ago, no disastrous flood would have occurred as the rainfall has been no heavier than heretofore.

It is a very simple question. We are trying to compress a gallon of water into a quart measure a physical impossibility

The remedy is simple. Widen the rivers and stop encroachments by the manufacturing plants and avoid as far as possible abutments and cribs in the river to obstruct the current. Do not increase the chances of disaster by building menacing reservoirs.

ENGINEER

Champagne Corks.

Champagne corks are made of the very finest Catalonia corkwood. When the tree of that wood is planted, thirty years must elapse before it becomes fit for the first stripping of the bark, and even then the cork is of no use, being much too coarse. After eight years more a second crop arrives but this again is of but poor quality and eight years more, making forty-six years in all, must pass before the grower can reap any material benefit from the tree. Then, again, the greatest care is necessary for the manufacture of the best champagne corks because should they be defective in size and shape the quality of the wine will suffer. For that reason they are not made by machinery, like the ordinary cork, but are cut by hand, as finer work can be done that way.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mazarin and His Pictures.

Perhaps no more ardent lover of pictures ever lived than Cardinal Mazarin, minister of the regency during the minority of Louis XIV. Being told that he had but two months to live, he was soon after seen in his nightcap and dressing gown, tottering along the gallery, pointing to his pictures, exclaiming: "Must I quit all these? Look at that Correggi; this 'Venus' of Titian, that incomparable 'Deluge' of Caracci! Farewell, dear pictures, that I have loved so dearly and that cost me so much!"

Exaggerated.

Among the begging letters recently received at the office of a benevolent society was one running thus:

"This unfortunate young man is the only son of a widow who died childless, and his earnings maintain his aged father and infant brothers, whose sole support he is."

The secretary of the society wrote on the margin of the epistle the following note:

"The circumstances of the case are evidently exaggerated."—London Tatler.

The Combination.

Fellaire (formerly Rusty Rufus)—Well, what do you want? Tuffold Knutt—You wuz kind 'nough wunst, mister, to give me a dollar an' a kick. Ef the two go together, sir, I'm ready fur 'em again.—Chicago Tribune.

He Didn't Go.

Magistrate—The next person who interrupts the proceedings of this court will be expelled from the room. Prisoner—Hoo-ray! Whooper-ee! Now lemme go!—Illustrated Bits.

You never have to go out of your way to walk to the right.—Salt Lake Tribune.

The Original New Zealanders.

The original New Zealanders were known as the most ferocious cannibals and the most warlike savages. They were big, gaunt fellows, of immense muscular force and great sagacity. These savage New Zealanders, though they ate their enemies, interred their own dead, and they believed that the third day after burial the heart separated itself from the corpse and was carried to the clouds by an attendant spirit.

The Ills We Are Hair To.

There are three modes of bearing the ills of life—namely, by indifference, which is the most common; by philosophy, which is the most ostentatious, and by religion, which is the most effectual.—New York Press.

Tactful.

Charming Hostess (to dyspeptic guest who has been refusing dish after dish)—I am so distressed. You've had no dinner at all. Guest—Thank you, but I have to be very particular about my food.—Punch.

A Face and an Offense.

Captain—If I see your face in my house again I shall slap it. Noble Foreigner—Ah, but it ees a punishable offense! Captain—Of course it is. That is why I want to slap it.—Judge.

HERE AND THERE

William, the 2-year old son of John Nash, Monessen, died Wednesday of typhoid fever.

John Kensel, of Shepler was jailed Tuesday on complaint of his wife.

Beginning May 1, the officers of Monessen will shoot all untagged dogs at sight.

Frank Mason, of McDonald has been held for court for boot legging.

August Lang one of the best known German residents of Washington died Wednesday.

Jacob King, of Uniontown, is in quod charged with horse-stealing and kid-napping.

The glass factory at Monongahela City will close down for repairs next Saturday.

There are one hundred and fifty-four business places in Charleroi according to the Appraisers report.

Greene County has but one licensed distillery.

The jury disagreed in the case of the Consolidated Coke company against the Pittsburg Washer company at Connellsville.

Charles Wilson Clement, a huckster of Uniontown, disappeared from his home last Thursday and his wife is making frantic efforts to locate him. So far she has not got-n any clue that would lead to his whereabouts.

Mount Pleasant still has a few Undesirable Citizens left, but an earnest effort will be made to send them "over the river."

Large catches of trout are reported in Fayette county.

The Westmoreland Coal company has started the planting of 50,000 black locust seedlings near Export.

Mrs. Lulu Showman willed her child to its grandmother declaring its father an unfit person to care for it.

Men who dynamite trout streams are being arrested regularly in Fayette county.

Homestead was enlivened Wednesday by a free-for-all fight on one of its streets.

Detective John Cavanaugh said last night that District Attorney Goebring was looking up the treaty between this country and Turkey and if extradition papers would be honored he would make an effort to bring back the man wanted in West Homestead for murder. If the man can be brought back Detective Cavanaugh will be after him.

About the busiest thing on earth is an idle rumor.

George Rice, of Manifold was stabbed by his son and is lying in a critical condition in a hospital.

Yeggmen, attracted by the warm weather, are starting out on their predatory journeys. Have the shotgun handy.

Every town in Western Pennsylvania sent fans to Pittsburg to see the opening game there.

William Strippy an employe of the Otis Elevator company was killed at Greensburg.

There is a feud between the firemen and councils at Etna.

Daisytown foreigner lodged in jail for the fifth time on charge of abusing his wife.

"Disseminating information" was the most costly part of John H. Bowers' campaign for the nomination for county treasurer.

A meeting of the West Washington High school alumni is called for next Tuesday evening.

Samuel McGary and wife celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday at Volan.

Georg Seleski of the First ward Monongahela was arrested yesterday by Chief of Police Chester on a charge of stealing coal from the Charleroi Fuel company, on oath of James Oates. He was lodged in the city lockup and will be given a hearing before Mayor Blankenbuehler tonight.

Uniontown councils refused to grant a franchises to two light companies.

The Greensboro Gas compnay is erecting a derrick and will sink a gas well on the Hiller plan of lots. The Elwood company have a good gasser out a short distance away.

All ready preparations are being made for a proper observance on Memorial Day in this vicinity.

It is stated that not a single Italian was in the Bread line at New Castle.

Sheep-killing dogs are working havoc around Claysville.

Frank Maravoli a seven-year-old lad of McKeesport had his skull fractured by being thrown from a house by an unknown man.

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Connubial Diplomacy.

[Original.]

"I doubt if there is more truth in any aphorism than in 'The least said the soonest mended,' only if I had written it I would have put it, 'Let the other fellow show his hand before showing yours,' or, as applied to connubial differences: 'Not only give your wife the last word, but give her the first, and be particular that she takes it. Not only that, keep on giving it to her till she hangs herself with her own rope.'"

Sam Abert adored his wife, but he had no more conscience in his dealings with her than an Italian bandit.

"What put that into your head, old man?" I asked.

"Well, the other day my old chum Billy Perkins asked me if I couldn't take a night off for the theater, and so forth. I told him I would. I'd been out a good deal without Effie just before that, and I knew she'd object. What did I do? Have a long powwow with her about it, with such words and phrases as 'neglect,' 'shameful treatment,' 'you ought to be ashamed of yourself,' and all that. Not I. I just says: 'My love, I'm awful sorry, but I shall be detained downtown tonight late by business. Don't sit up for me.' Then I kiss her more affectionately than usual and go to the office.

"As luck would have it, some of her friends during the day telephoned her an invitation to go to the same theater where Billy and I were going, and, knowing she was to be alone at home, she accepted. Billy and I were sitting down in the baldheaded row when, glancing aside into a proscenium box, I saw the party filing into it and my wife take a chair where she could rake me with both eyes.

"I kissed my hand to her, but after a look of surprise she paid no more attention to me than if I were one of the supes on the stage. I knew I'd meet a cyclone when I got home and had plenty of time to think matters over. When a man gets caught that way it's a great mistake to flounder around among a lot of improbable excuses. There's two ways of working it—one owning up and the other way. I chose the other way. I assumed an air of one badly treated, but too noble minded to defend himself. I didn't say a word. I simply looked at her reproachfully.

"Now, that piqued her curiosity. You see, when a woman sets up an idol she doesn't like to have it shattered. She had put me on a beautiful white marble pillar, and I didn't propose to come down. She couldn't realize that I would deliberately do what I had done without a reason. Since I gave her no reason, why, of course, she began to figure one out for herself; but, not being able to do it, she got madder than ever.

"Andrews of Howe & Andrews happened to have sat in the seat directly in front of me at the theater. Andrews is in the same business as I, and I have known him for years. I leaned forward several times and talked to him about a soubrette on the stage. She was pretty as a picture, and Andrews, who knew the stage manager, offered to take me behind the scenes between the third and fourth acts and introduce me, an offer I accepted. When the curtain fell at the appointed time Andrews and Billy and I got up and went out together.

"Well, Effie kept up a pretty sharp thinking as to the cause of my brutal deception. I saw something was working and just declined to come down from my high horse and crawl on my stomach. Instead, I said nothing about the matter between us, confining myself to 'Yes, dear' and 'No, dear,' confident that if I let her alone long enough she'd work out my salvation for me and save me the trouble. At last it came out one morning while we were at the breakfast table.

"'Frank,' she said, 'I want you to tell me one thing. Where did you sleep the night you did not get up and work out of the theater?'

"'Why, knowing full that she's got on to my game, I asked the reason of her what purpose. I wished, first, to ascertain if I was going. 'I suppose,' I replied calmly, 'you think we were out for a drink.'

"'No,' she said, 'knowing that you and Mr. Andrews are in the same business, I did not believe but that you went to the theater on purpose to meet him for a late business talk.'

"That put the kibosh on the best idea into my head you ever saw. I recalled that Andrews and I had been trying since the fourth to sell the Scotchmen estate, a flat foot lot on Main street, for $[illegible]. We'd failed, and I had forgotten all about it. But it gave me a tip all the same.

"'Effie,' I said compassionately, 'don't you know that some of the biggest business deals are effected in that very way?'

"She looked down under my honest gaze, and I saw that she was very much ashamed of herself. Seeing that she had kept me at swords' points for several days by the want of faith in me, her lip trembled, and she burst into tears.

"Going to her, I took her to my manly bosom and said:

"'Don't trouble yourself any more about it, sweetheart. You have my entire forgiveness.'"

He rolled a cigarette and lighted it in his quick way, giving the match a shake and throwing it away, evidently quite proud of his exploit.

"Sam," I said, "do you know what you are especially fitted for?"

"What—a big diplomatic mission?"

"No; to light the streets with a coat of tar on you."

NORMAN P. WHITE.

PERSONAL MENTION

L. S. Goldberg is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

Miss Lenore Mikach of Crest avenue is spending the day with friends in Pittsburg.

Mrs. John Scurfield and Mrs. Harry Ward and daughter, Virginia, are Charleroi visitors today.

Mrs. A. O. Davis of Fallowfield avenue has returned home after a visit with friends and relatives in Meadville.

Misses Nevada and Grace Iams leave this evening for Pt. Marion, where they will spend Saturday and Sunday with friends.

The Juniors and Seniors, two of Charleroi's amateur basball clubs had it out yesterday, the former winning by the score of 1210.

Mrs. R. J. Riley and daughter, Mrs. William F. Hughes have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Riggs, son Ellsworth and daughter Metta left this morning for Seattle, Washington, where they are moving. They will stop over at Pittsburg and Chicago on their way West. The many Charleroi friends of the Riggs family wish them much success in their new home.

How Sandy Fooled Sandy.

An old gentleman in a village not far from Glasgow breakfasted every morning on porridge and in order to save fuel cooked a whole week's supply every Saturday. One Friday morning the stuff seemed very cold and very salt, and he felt he must abandon the struggle to eat it. But his stubborn nature forbade any such thought. So he fetched the whisky from the cupboard, poured out a glass and placed it before him on the table.

"Now, Sandy," said he, "if ye eat that parritch ye'll hae that whisky, an' if ye don't ye won't."

He stuck again at the last spoonful; but, keeping his eye steadily on the glass of whisky, he made a bold, brave effort and got it down. Then he slowly and carefully poured back the whisky into the bottle, with a broad grin, as he said to himself, "Sandy, my lad, I did ye that time, ye auld fule!"—Dundee Advertiser.

One Hair Astray.

A guest at a certain fashionable hotel recently had a grouch. He carried it to the proprietor.

"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotton as they make them. When I went to lunch today I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey and hair in the apple sauce. Now, what do y' think o' that? Is that a good hotel?"

"Well," replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. And I suppose that the hair in the honey came off the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apple sauce. I bought those apples myself, and they were every one Baldwins."—Columbus Dispatch.

Turned the Cut.

Polly—Pardon me, dear, but you cut a ridiculous figure on the street yesterday. Dolly—Oh, forgive me, dear! If I had seen you I should have cut you.—Cleveland Leader.

Couldn't Change His Appearance.

Customer—I want you to cut my hair so that I won't look like a [illegible] Barber—[illegible] a lightning change artist.—New York Press.

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INSPECTOR LOUTTIT MAKES REPORT ON ELLSWORTH MINE

Gives His Opinion As to Cause Of Explosion—Bodys Of Ill Fated Miners Brought To Surface---Three Buried Today.

ENTRY DOOR HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN

The four bodies of the men, who were killed at the explosion of the Ellsworth mines yesterday morning have been brought to the surface and will soon be buried. The names of the dead are given as follows.

Joseph Banks, 53 years old.

Wasil Uipdsh, 31 years old.

Alex. Yatsko, 37 years old.

Albert Serafin, 26 years old.

The cause of the explosion is supposed to have been a door accidentally *left open in the main entry*, which permitted accumulation of gas.

Banks was nearer the door when the explosion occurred and his body was badly burned, while there was not even a mark on the bodies of the three foreigners.

The explosion occurred at 500 feet west of the mouth of the shaft and men working at an equal distance in the opposite direction felt the shock distinctly. The governor on the engine at the engine house was jarred and the water gauge which indicates the amount of air showed the force of the explosion to be almost equal to that in the Monongah mine disaster.

Inspector Louttit and his party made a thorough examination of the mine and on coming up from the workings yesterday afternoon the inspector made the following statement:

"In my opinion the explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas. The door in the west entry had been opened and buttoned back. This permitted a draft to pass through which probably caused the fire damp to let go. From the positions in which the bodies were found the pumper had evidently gone back to attend to his pumps while the other three men were on their way out.

"We did not find the men's lamps, but I understand they were accustomed to use mixed lamps, that is, they hung their safety lamps in the necks of the rooms and went into the rooms with open lamps. I will make no detailed statement as to the result for my investigations until the inquest is held."

About a year ago Louttit, entered suit against the Ellsworth company in the Washington county courts, and asked that the company be restricted in the use of open lamps, basing his action on the alleged gaseous condition of the mine. An injunction was not granted.

The funeral of the two Russians killed in the explosion was held at Charleroi this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Serafin's body was buried at Monongahela this afternoon, while the funeral of Joseph Banks will be held at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Saturday afternoon.

The date of the inquest has not yet been fixed, but it will probably be the early part of next week.

HIT POLICEMAN ON HEAD WITH GLASS INSULATOR

Thieves Knock Man Who Caught Them At Work, And Escape.

Caught in the very act of robbing a work car at the Monongabela freight yards, and desperate from the prospect of spending several months in jail, two men beat Policeman Henry Bergman of the Monongahela force, into insensibility with a large glass insulator, and escaped. Railroad detectives are now on their trail and hope to get the men.

The men were noticed at work by Bergman, while patroling his beat and knowing no railroad detectives were near, decided to capture them himself. Accordingly he crept near the shed where they were and darted upon them. He succeeded in capturing one, getting him under subjection.

While doing this, however, the other had crept up behind the policeman unnoticed and just as the nippers were being snapped on the captured man, struck Bergman a fearful blow on the head knocking him to the floor unconscious. They fled, but it is not known in what direction.

The policeman was found later and resuscitated. He was not badly hurt and will be allright in a few days.

Notice.

Proposals will be received by the Borough Clerk for disposing of garbage in the Borough of Charleroi. Contract and conditions can be seen in Clerks Office. All bids must be in on or before the 4th day of May 1908, Council reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Ira L. Nickeson,
Boro Clerk.

Charleroi, Pa., April 21, 1908. 218t4

Special.

For Saturday and Monday, a $15 fifty pound felt mattress for $12.50. Correll and Crowley. 333 McKean Ave. 221t1

EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS PLEASANT SOCIAL

The Epworth league of the Methodist Episcopal church held a social at the home of W. S. James, on Lincoln avenue and Sixth street last night, which was largely attended.

The affair was in the shape of a railroad social, the feature being a round trip on the O.I.C. and E Q. railroad. At Union Station a ticket was purchased and a question asked with it, which had to be correctly answered before the person could proceed. In the course of their "ride" they had to stop at five different stations. The idea was to see how quick one could go the round.

The entire affair was unique, amusing and instructive, as a great many of the questions asked along the route were timely and thoughtfully arranged and caused all to put on their thinking caps in order to solve them.

The excursionists were treated to some fine vocal selections on the trip. Willie Kenyon was the ticket agent who gave the tourists their first send off but never gave any change back unless to a fair damsel who happened to be traveling alone. Competent aids had charge of the different stations along the route and did all to make the trip enjoyable.

The Mesdames Pollock, James and Kenyon had charge of the dining car on the return trip and catered to the wants of all in good order.

A committee of young ladies looked after the social feature of the trip. The initial trip on the new R. R. proved a success and other similar events are booked for during the coming summer as both the social and financial features were beyond expectations. The former predominated to such an extent that many new acquaintances were formed and old ones renewed.

The league is putting forth a great effort to advance the library and social department work and many good results are being acquired in the way of increasing the membership.

Notice.

Sealed bids for the exclusive privilege of selling all refreshments at the Charleroi Base Ball Park for the season of 1908 will be received until April 27th at 6:30 p. m.

Wm. H. Zellers, Jr.,
221t1 Sec'y and Treas.

ROBBERIES IN CHARLEROI YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT

Daylight Burglary In Which Well Known Charleroi Boys Are Concerned---One Caught And Other Escaped, Going, It Is Thought, To Pittsburg.

A WATCH TAKEN FROM HILL RESIDENT

A bold daylight robbery was engineered by two well known Charleroi boys at noon yesterday when after sending J. W. Vance, the clerk at J. [illegible] hardware store [illegible] basement for some linseed oil, opened a case and stole a fine revolver.

They took their departure immediately after securing the oil but had not gone two rods before the loss of the gun was discovered. A detective and another man were notified and asked to catch the boys but the young fellows became alarmed and fled toward the ball park and escaped. One was caught at nine o'clock last night. The other left on the 1:45 car from Charleroi, it is thought for Pittsburg, where the police are now looking for him. He is under $1,000 bond to appear at the Washington county May term of court, in connection with a former robbery.

A robbery occurred at the home of Andrew Hosnick, 317 Crest avenue last night, a valuable gold watch being taken.

Entrance was made through a side kitchen window, which had been left unlocked. The burglars searched downstairs apparently for money, but unable to find any, took a vest with the watch in one pocket. It is thought they were frightened away by a noise before having a chance to go upstairs.

In the home of J. H. Krepps, 519 McKean avenue, attempt was made by burglars to enter, but were frightened away before they could secure admittance. They left the knife which had been used in prying at the window. It is supposed the burglars attempted to force the windows of Mrs. George Arnold, next door to Krepps, but unable to secure entrance, decided to try something easier.

C. T. A. U. DANCE IS SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

The C. T. A. U. dance in the Bank of Charleroi Hall last night was well attended and the affair was one of the most successful events of the kind ever held by that order. Visitors were present from Monongahela, Donora and Monessen. Stewart's Orchestra furnished music.

Advertising to the destructive effects of the automobile on the macadamized roads the Allentown Chronicle and News says: "Owing to its mischievous capacity for tearing up the surface of macadam roads and distributing it in the form of dust on neighboring fields and dwellings, the [illegible]

MR. CLEVELAND IS CRITICALLY ILL

New York—2:00 p. m. (Special To Mail) Ex-President Grover Cleveland is thought to be on his death bed at Lakewood, N. J. It was reported this morning that Mr. Cleveland was dead but afterwards was proved untrue.

Speers.

Speers, Pa., April 24.—Miss Edith Dukestein, of this place is visiting relatives in Pittsburg.

A wrestling about took place in a field near the North Belle Vernon line yesterday between two athletes of the backwoods. There had been a long standing argument as to the skill of these two men, and yesterday it was decided to settle the matter at once. The first four falls left the contestants even, and although both were decidedly weary it was still a guess as to the final outcome. The youngest and smaller of the two, after a long and severe struggle landed the [illegible] declared the winner.

[illegible] of Homestead, is visiting friends here.

[illegible] visited friends at [illegible] Wednesday.

A little son of [illegible] attempted to [illegible] train on the [illegible] of the P. and L. [illegible] and was thrown [illegible] to the ground, striking his [illegible] He received a [illegible]

[illegible] relatives in [illegible] this week.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of East [illegible] are spending a few days [illegible] Belle Vernon.

Somers No. 1 coal mine of the Pittsburg coal company resumed operations Thursday and Somers No. 2 [illegible] today.

Belle Vernon base ball team came over Wednesday and walloped the [illegible] team by a score of 4 to 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Lott, of Duquesne, have returned to their home after a [illegible] with their daughter, Mrs. [illegible] P. Corbett, of this place.

CHARLEROI TEACHERS VISITING AT MONESSEN

This afternoon the teachers of the Charleroi schools will go to Monessen to visit the schools of that place, today being the annual visiting day. The children have prepared [illegible] exhibits of their work which will be shown.

[illegible]

HORSE AND RIDER VANISH IN AIR

[illegible] Tuesday [illegible] on the [illegible] train. He hired a horse from [illegible] livery barn [illegible] wished to ride to [illegible]

[illegible]

Increase In [illegible] Coal Output.

[illegible] miners at [illegible] Station will, it is estimated, increase the daily output [illegible] Two hundred additional men will be employed. The plant cost [illegible]

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TO MEET ON PICNIC FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

[illegible]

Monessen Has A Treat.

[illegible] singing birds. It has from king of beast to pet of household.

Parents should not fail to take the little ones and let them see the animals they study about at school. Every person entering the show receives a souvenir. One in every fifteen gets a beautiful singing canary bird free. Admission, 10 cents.

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Go over and get a canary bird and see the animals at the animal show, Monessen. Admission 10 cents.

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Different.

She—You spend too much money on things you don't really need and that you buy merely because they are cheap. That is false economy.

He—Here's a lady's watch I bought to-day for $10. I am sure it is well worth $20.

She—Oh thank you, dearest [illegible] splendidly clever you are at picking up bargains.

Don't fail to visit the big wild animal show at Monessen. There only a short time. 221t1

MANY KILLED ON RAILROAD IN 1907

[illegible]

Better and much larger animal show than the circus which will visit the town will have. Go to Monessen and enjoy yourself. Get a souvenir.

221t1

Hypnotism.

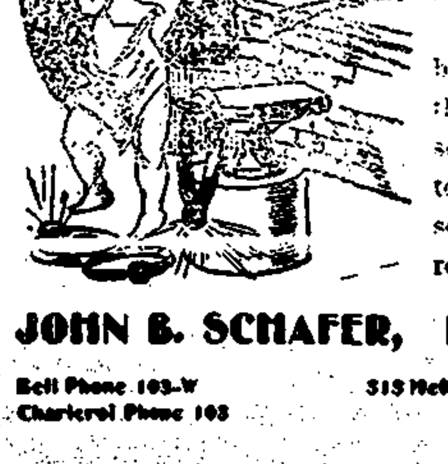
The actual foundation of modern hypnotic suggestion was discovered by Liebault of Nancy, the famous "father of the therapeutic application of suggestion." After several years of practical experience, in 1866, Liebault wrote his first book on the subject. It was shelved and he was called a lunatic. Hypnotism remained a curiosity and Liebault's book was not reproduced till six years after Charcot, in 1878, began his study of hypnotism. In 1884 Bernheim wrote his work on suggestion, and this created a demand for Liebault's book, which then gave him his lasting reputation.—New York American.

A regular menagerie, large animal show at Monessen. At a cheap price one may see all kinds of animals such as found only in the largest menageries. 221t1

[illegible]

[illegible] see you hand anything to the minister."

"Oh, that's all right. I'll pay [illegible] to have."



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April 24 In History.

Defoe.

1547—Victory of Charles V. over the Protestants at Muhlberg and end of the war of the Smalcald league.

1731—Daniel Foe, or Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe" and other works, died; born 1661.

1764—Thomas Addis Emmet, Irish patriot, born; died 1827.

1898—President McKinley called for 125,000 volunteers to interfere in Cuba.

1905—Otto Wilhelm Struve, Russian astronomer, died; born 1819.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:
Tonight and Tomorrow Morning.

Sun sets 6:44, rises 5:02; moon rises 2:39 a. m.; 10:30 p. m., two of Jupiter's four bright satellites missing; 12 midnight, Jupiter at quadrature with the sun, being 90 degrees east of that body; 7:12 a. m., moon at perigee, nearest approach to earth.

Mere Slanders.

"If all is true that is charged concerning the use of boodle and booze in the recent primaries in Washington county, it may be necessary in the future, in the interest of accuracy, when one speaks of the Whiskey Insurrection there, to designate which one—that of 1794 or of 1908."—Elizabeth Herald.

The Herald should pay no attention to these slanders for they are nothing but low slander and the ebullitions of insanity of disgruntled editors, who attempt to seek solace in defeat and conceal their chagrin by a wholesale villification of the electorate of this county.

That is all there is to it, but it seems that the people of this county must bear with these malicious and mendacious slanders for daring to vote against the wishes of some editors.

There is a proverb concerning the bird that befouls its own nest that aptly applies to these writers. In the meantime how do the people of this county relish the characterization of boozers and boodlers which those editors so lavishly bestow upon them? Highly flattering, is it not?

Mine Accidents.

The accident at Ellsworth mine yesterday morning was one of those unforeseen tragedies incident to coal mining that neither laws nor warnings will avert.

It is said that the disaster came through some one unknown unlocking his lamp to light his pipe. The mine was known to be gaseous and orders given that care be taken, but, if the reports are true those orders were disregarded.

That the horrors of the Darr mine were not repeated is due to the fact that but few men were near at hand. A few hours later and a holocaust, similar to those that have recently shocked the nation would have taken place. There must have been a strong current of air or else the explosion would have spread to other parts of the mine.

The Mail's advice the other day for the miners to be cautious when returning to work after the suspension is emphazied by this Ellsworth affair. Loose rock becomes looser and gas accumulates in spite of the fan working continuously and extra care is needed. And it is well to remember that safety lamps are not absolutely a protection from explosions as their functions are to warn the miner of the presence of firedamp.

After all is said and done a miner's safety greatly depends upon himself. That fact must not be lost sight of when discussing mine explosions. Given a careless miner and you have all of the element necessary for a disaster.

Reclaim the Rivers.

In a communication found elsewhere "Engineer" compactly states the reason for the reservoir system agitation and points out what must be apparent to all, that the encroachments by private parties and corporations have so narrowed the width of the rivers that an over-flow must necessarily follow any heavy rain.

This encroachment is a matter for the government. These rivers are navigable streams and as such come under government supervision. The government compelled several bridge companies at Pittsburg to raise their structures higher so as to not interfere with navigation. It could as easily compel parties who have encroached upon the streams to remove those encroachments. The data is easily secured and by restoring the rivers to their old width and dredging the beds the danger of flood would be minimized.

An order from the Secretary of war is all that is needed to reclaim the rivers and an effort should be made to secure such an order.

Those who have mis-used their riparian rights would, of course, raise a large protest, but the damage arising from these encroachments when shown would effectually silence them.

Reclaim the rivers.

Prosperity Returning.

There were three items in yesterday's paper that have deep significance. They show peradventure that prosperity is returning at a rapid rate.

The first of these was the signing of contracts for the construction of over one hundred and fifty miles of electric railroad in this and adjoining counties. The second was the resumption in all departments of the big steel works on the South-side of Pittsburg. Last, but by not means least, was the flotation of $40,000,000 of bonds by the Pennsylvania railroad to be used in extensions and improvements.

That such a large loan could be negotiated proves peradventure that the financial situation is becoming normal once more and that a genuine business revival is near at hand. The effect of these things upon other branches of industry will be felt immediately and give a stronger tone to business generally.

State Brevities.

The Tamaqua nantional bank has awarded a contract for a $30,000 bank building.

Seven of the nineteen mines in the Butler-Mercer district have resumed operations, giving employment to more than 600 men.

The shade tree commission of Wickboro, Armstrong county, has decided that all poplar trees in the borough streets must be cut down.

For Our Readers.

Many people are obtaining relief and being permanently cured of Piles by using the following: 6 drops Carbolic Acid, 1 dram Zotan, one-half ounce Zinc Ointment mixed and applied night and morning. These ingredients can be obtained at your own drug store. This is the perscription of an old German physician and has never been published before.

Among the Exchanges

Referring to the many mining accidents throughout the state, and the various evasions of existing laws, the Wilkes-Barre Record in an article on "Mine Reforms," concludes it by saying that "it seems that the time is at hand when the whole range of regulation should be gone over by a competent commission, burdened with the duty of redrafting the statutes in the light of modern mining conditions. There are some points where the laws are weak. Some laws should be discarded and others enacted. It is stated that a large proportion of the accidents is preventable. If that is so, either the law is at fault or those whose duty it is to see that the law is enforced are at fault. It is time that the whole subject were gone over."

A timely suggestion for the proper observance of Memorial Day is made by the Chester Morning Republican in these words: "People who have flower gardens or who are in a position to secure blooms from their neighbors and friends should bear in mind that Memorial Day occurs on May 30. Of course the day is nearly six weeks off, but that is no reason why those interested—and that ought to include everybody—should neglect to lay their plans to secure flowers to be donated to the members of the Grand Army Posts to be used to decorate to the graves of the Civil war veterans."

Commenting on a new method of dealing with intoxicated men picked up by the police in Harrisburg, which the new mayor has adopted, the York Dispatch says: "Next thing that will reach the public ears is the story of some indignant housewife throwing scalding water on the Harrisburg policeman who brings home her intoxicated husband. When the mayor of that city issued orders to be merciful to intoxicated men, directing that the policemen tote them home instead of locking them up, he forgot possibly, that nine out of ten women blame and berate the kind friend who helps home her drunken husband."

The Armenians.

The history of Armenia is not cheerful reading. With the exception of occasional brief periods, the Armenians have been almost continually under some foreign rule. Assyrians, Babylonians, Medes, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Parthians, Saracens, Mongols and Turks have each in turn dominated the country, and of all these successive foreign yokes the present one, that of the Turks, has been the longest and the heaviest. The highest activities of the Armenian people today are not to be found in Armenia proper, but rather in the marts of prominent cities the world over. This is especially noticeable in Constantinople, Smyrna and other cities of the Levant, where the marked aptitude of the Armenian in business enables him practically to dominate the commercial situation. One example is the oriental rug trade, which is practically controlled by Armenians not only in the east itself, but also in many western countries.—Argonaut.

Rival Organizations.

The man who had been keeping his seat in a Lexington avenue car, the seats of which were well occupied by women, spoke at last to the woman hanging on to a strap and who had been eying him intently for some time.

"I know I ought to get up and let you have my seat, madam," he said, "but I'm pledged against that sort of thing. I have just joined the 'Sit Still club,' an organization we have formed in Harlem, and if I should violate the solemn obligation I took when I became a member of that body I should be expelled and held up to the execration of all other members."

"That is all right, sir," replied the woman. "You mustn't mind my looking at you so hard. I am a member of the 'Stand and Stare club.'"

After which she continued to stand and stare at him in such a fierce manner that he finally got up, waved her into his seat and said, "I guess I'll resign from my club and join yours right now, madam."—New York Press.

Nothing Substantial.

"Mr. Roxley had nothing but praise for your work for him before the congressional committee," said the friend.

"Yes," replied the lobbyist gloomily, "nothing but praise." — Philadelphia Press.

Quite the Reverse.

Osmond—Well, you've never seen me run after people who have money. Desmond—No, but I've seen people run after you because you didn't have money.

CHARTER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Monday, May 4, 1908, by E. N. Coddington, H. E. Pitcher and James R. Craft under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called E. N. CODDINGTON COMPANY, the character and object of which is to manufacture and deal in candy, confectioneries, cigars, tobacco and all articles usually dealt in by wholesale and retail candy dealers, and for these purposes to have, posess, and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto.

DAVID M. McCLOSKEY,
A19-17-24 Solicitor.

WANTS NO RESERVOIRS.

Charleroi, April 22, 1908.

Editor Mail:—Your editorial in the Mail of April 20th, on the inadvisability of building flood storage reservoirs, was timely and to the point.

Are you aware that a syndicate is forming with headquarters at Washington, D. C., to induce the government to enter into the scheme of building flood reservoirs?

A commission has already been appointed to shape the matter, and engaged a literary bureau to scatter broadcast literature pointing out the advantages of the enterprise.

The object of all this is obvious, to spend money for dredging, and excavating machinery, cars, iron, cement, timber, and the hundred and one other expenses contingent to a work of such magnitude.

The people in their desperation are ripe to grasp this reservoir straw and should be warned and educated to let the straw float by and grasp the log of common sense and think the problem over.

These same grasping monopolies by the grabbing of the river bottoms unlawfully, in many instances, caused the disastrous floods and now desire to bleed the people and waste their money on a chimera.

Our rains are frequent and heavy, and even were the reservoirs successful in holding back part of the rainfall, there would be times when with the reservoirs already full there would come 2 or 3 rain and the chances are some of the many reservoirs would be swept away, making a more disastrous flood then ever before. The South Park reservoirs is an instance of this. We are not having any heavier rises in the upper rivers than usual as the records show.

The disastrous effects in the neighborhood of Pittsburg and below and the reason to my is simple, the narrowing of the river by the steady reclaiming of land by the manufacturing plants and the gradual filling up of the river bed.

Were the lower Monongahela and upper Ohio rivers back in their normal banks, say even as they were twenty years ago, no disastrous flood would have occurred as the rainfall has been no heavier than heretofore.

It is a very simple question. We are trying to compress a gallon of water into a quart measure, a physical impossibility.

The remedy is simple: Widen the rivers and stop encroachments by the manufacturing plants and avoid as far as possible abutments and cribs in the river to obstruct the current. Do not increase the chances of disaster by building menacing reservoirs.

ENGINEER.

Champagne Corks.

Champagne corks are made of the very finest Portuguese cork wood. When the tree of that wood is planted, thirty years must elapse before it becomes fit for the first stripping of the bark, and even then the cork is of no use, being much too coarse. After eight years more a second crop arrives, but that again is of but poor quality, and eight years more, making forty-six years in all, must pass before the grower can reap any material benefit from the tree. Then, again, the greatest care is necessary for the manufacture of the best champagne corks because should they be defective in size and shape the quality of the wine will suffer. For that reason they are not made by machinery, like the ordinary cork, but are cut by hand, as finer work can be done that way.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mazarin and His Pictures.

Perhaps no more ardent lover of pictures ever lived than Cardinal Mazarin, minister of the regency during the minority of Louis XIV. Being told that he had but two months to live, he was soon after seen in his nightcap and dressing gown, tottering along the gallery, pointing to his pictures, exclaiming: "Must I quit all these? Look at that Correggi; this 'Venus' of Titian; that incomparable 'Deluge' of Caracci! Farewell, dear pictures, that I have loved so dearly and that cost me so much!"

Exaggerated.

Among the begging letters recently received at the office of a benevolent society was one running thus:

"This unfortunate young man is the only son of a widow who died childless, and his earnings maintain his aged father and infant brothers, whose sole support he is."

The secretary of the society wrote on the margin of the epistle the following note:

"The circumstances of the case are evidently exaggerated."—London Tatler.

The Combination.

Fellaire (formerly Rusty Rufus)—Well, what do you want? Tuffold Knutt—You wuz kind 'nough wunst, mister, to give me a dollar an' a kick. Ef the two go together, sir, I'm ready fur 'em again.—Chicago Tribune.

He Didn't Go.

Magistrate—The next person who interrupts the proceedings of this court will be expelled from the room. Prisoner—Hoo-ray! Whooper-ee! Now lemme go!—Illustrated Bits.

You never have to go out of your way to walk to the right.—Salt Lake Tribune.

The Original New Zealanders.

The original New Zealanders were known as the most ferocious cannibals and the most warlike savages. They were big, gaunt fellows, of immense muscular force and great sagacity. Those savage New Zealanders, though they ate their enemies, interred their own dead, and they believed that the third day after burial the heart separated itself from the corpse and was carried to the clouds by an attendant spirit.

The Ills We Are Heir To.

There are three modes of bearing the ills of life—namely, by indifference, which is the most common; by philosophy, which is the most ostentatious, and by religion, which is the most effectual.—New York Press.

Tactful.

Charming Hostess (to dyspeptic guest who has been refusing dish after dish)—I am so distressed. You've had no dinner at all. Guest—Thank you, but I have to be very particular about my food.—Punch.

A Face and an Offense.

Captain—If I see your face in my house again I shall slap it. Noble Foreigner—Ah, but it ees a punishable offense! Captain—Of course it is. That

HERE AND THERE

William, the 2-year old son of John Nash, Monessen, died Wednesday of typhoid fever.

John Kensel, of Shepler was jailed Tuesday on complaint of his wife.

Beginning May 1, the officers of Monessen will shoot all untagged dogs at sight.

Frank Mason, of McDonald has been held for court for boot legging.

August Lang one of the best known German residents of Washington died Wednesday.

Jacob King, of Uniontown, is in quod charged with horse-stealing and kid-napping.

The glass factory at Monongahela City will close down for repairs next Saturday.

There are one hundred and fifty-four business places in Charleroi according to the Appraisers report.

Greene County has but one licensed distillery.

The jury disagreed in the case of the Consolidated Coke company against the Pittsburg Washer company at Connellsville.

Charles Wilson Clement, a huckster of Uniontown, disappeared from his home last Thursday and his wife is making frantic efforts to locate him. So far she has not got t n any clue that would lead to his whereabouts.

Mount Pleasant still has a few Undesirable Citizens left, but an earnest effort will be made to send them "over the river."

Large catches of trout are reported in Fayette county.

The Westmoreland Coal company has started the planting of 50,000 black locust seedlings near Export.

Mrs. Lulu Showman willed her child to its grandmother declaring its father an unfit person to care for it.

Men who dynamite trout streams are being arrested regularly in Fayette county.

Homestead was enlivened Wednesday by a free-for-all fight on one of its streets.

Detective John Cavanaugh said last night that District Attorney Goehring was looking up the treaty between this country and Turkey and if extradition papers would be honored he would make an effort to bring back the man wanted in West Homestead for murder. If the man can be brought back Detective Cavanaugh will be after him.

About the busiest thing on earth is an idle rumor.

George Rice, of Manifold was stabbed by his son and is lying in a critical condition in a hospital.

Yeggmen, attracted by the warm weather, are starting out on their predatory journeys. Have the shotgun handy.

Every town in Western Pennsylvania sent fans to Pittsburg to see the opening game there.

William Strippy an employe of the Otis Elevator company was killed at Greensburg.

There is a feud between the firemen and councils at Etna.

Daisytown foreigner lodged in jail for the fifth time on charge of abusing his wife.

"Disseminating information" was the most costly part of John H. Bowers' campaign for the nomination for county treasurer.

A meeting of the West Washington High school alumni is called for next Tuesday evening.

Samuel McGary and wife celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday at Volan.

Georg Seleski of the First ward Monongahela was arrested yesterday by Chief of Police Chester on a charge of stealing coal from the Charleroi Fuel company, on oath of James Oates. He was lodged in the city lockup and will be given a hearing before Mayor Blankenbuehler tonight.

Uniontown councils refused to grant a franchises to two light companies.

The Greensboro Gas compnay is erecting a derrick and will sink a gas well on the Hiller plan of lots. The Elwood company have a good gasser out a short distance away.

All ready preparations are being made for a proper observance on Memorial Day in this vicinity.

It is stated that not a single Italian was in the Bread line at New Castle.

Sheep-killing dogs are working havoc around Claysville.

Frank Maravoli a seven-year-old lad of McKeesport had his skull fractured by being thrown from a house by an unknown man.

Connubial Diplomacy.

(Original.)

"I doubt if there is more truth in any aphorism than in 'The least said the soonest mended,' only if I had written it I would have put it, 'Let the other fellow show his hand before showing yours,' or, as applied to connubial differences: 'Not only give your wife the last word, but give her the first, and be particular that she takes it. Not only that, keep on giving it to her till she hangs herself with her own rope.'"

Sam Abert adored his wife, but he had no more conscience in his dealings with her than an Italian bandit.

"What put that into your head, old man?" I asked.

"Well, the other day my old chum Billy Perkins asked me if I couldn't take a night off for the theater, and so forth. I told him I would. I'd been out a good deal without Effie just before that, and I knew she'd object. What did I do? Have a long powwow with her about it, with such words and phrases as 'neglect,' 'shameful treatment,' 'you ought to be ashamed of yourself' and all that. Not I. I just says: 'My love, I'm awful sorry, but I shall be detained downtown tonight late by business. Don't sit up for me.' Then I kiss her more affectionately than usual and go to the office.

"As luck would have it, some of her friends during the day telephoned her an invitation to go to the same theater where Billy and I were going, and, knowing she was to be alone at home, she accepted. Billy and I were sitting down in the baldheaded row when, glancing aside into a proscenium box, I saw the party filing into it and my wife take a chair where she could rake me with both eyes.

"I kissed my hand to her, but after a look of surprise she paid no more attention to me than if I were one of the supes on the stage. I knew I'd meet a cyclone when I got home and had plenty of time to think matters over. When a man gets caught that way it's a great mistake to flounder around among a lot of improbable excuses. There's two ways of working it—one owning up and the other way. I chose the other way. I assumed an air of one badly treated, but too noble minded to defend himself. I didn't say a word. I simply looked at her reproachfully.

"Now, that piqued her curiosity. You see, when a woman sets up an idol she doesn't like to have it shattered. She had put me on a beautiful white marble pillar, and I didn't propose to come down. She couldn't realize that I would deliberately do what I had done without a reason. Since I gave her no reason, why, of course, she began to figure one out for herself; but, not being able to do it, she got madder than ever.

"Andrews of Howe & Andrews happened to have sat in the seat directly in front of me at the theater. Andrews is in the same business as I, and I have known him for years. I leaned forward several times and talked to him about a [illegible] on the stage. She [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and I had [illegible] to sell the [illegible] Mail [illegible] I [illegible] gave the same.

"'[illegible],' I said [illegible], 'don't you know that some of the biggest business deals are effected in that very way?'

"She looked down under my honest [illegible] and I saw that she was very much ashamed of herself. Seeing that she had kept me at swords' points for several days by the want of faith in me, her lip trembled, and she burst into tears.

"Going to her, I took her to my manly bosom and said:

"'Don't trouble yourself any more about it, sweetheart. You have my entire forgiveness.'"

He rolled a cigarette and lighted it in his quick way, giving the match a shake and throwing it away, evidently quite proud of his exploit.

"Sam," I said, "do you know what you are especially fitted for?"

"What—a big diplomatic mission?"

"No; to light the streets with a coat of tar on you."

NORMAN P. WHITE.

PERSONAL MENTION

L. S. Goldberg is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

Miss Lenore Mikech of Crest avenue is spending the day with friends in Pittsburg.

Mrs. John Scurfield and Mrs. Harry Ward and daughter, Virginia, are Charleroi visitors today.

Mrs. A. O. Davis of Fallowfield avenue has returned home after a visit with friends and relatives in Meadville.

Misses Nevada and Grace Iams leave this evening for Pt. Marion, where they will spend Saturday and Sunday with friends.

The Juniors and Seniors, two of Charleroi's amateur basball clubs had it out yesterday, the former winning by the score of 12-10.

Mrs. R. J. Riley and daughter, Mrs. William F. Hughes have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Riggs, son Ellsworth and daughter Metta left this morning for Seattle, Washington, where they are moving. They will stop over at Pittsburg and Chicago on their way West. The many Charleroi friends of the Riggs family wish them much success in their new home.

How Sandy Fooled Sandy.

An old gentleman in a village not far from Glasgow breakfasted every morning on porridge and in order to save fuel cooked a whole week's supply every Saturday. One Friday morning the stuff seemed very cold and very salt, and he felt he must abandon the struggle to eat it. But his stubborn nature forbade any such thought. So he fetched the whisky from the cupboard, poured out a glass and placed it before him on the table.

"Now, Sandy," said he, "if ye eat that parritch ye'll hae that whisky, an' if ye don't ye won't."

He stuck again at the last spoonful; but, keeping his eye steadily on the glass of whisky, he made a bold, brave effort and got it down. Then he slowly and carefully poured back the whisky into the bottle, with a broad grin, as he said to himself, "Sandy, my lad, I did ye that time, ye auld fule!"—Dundee Advertiser.

One Hair Astray.

A guest at a certain fashionable hotel recently had a grouch. He carried it to the proprietor.

"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotten as they make them. When I went to lunch today I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey and hair in the applesauce. Now, what do y' think o' that? Is that a good hotel?"

"Well," replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. Well I suppose that the hair in the honey [illegible] the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apple sauce. I [illegible] [illegible]

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